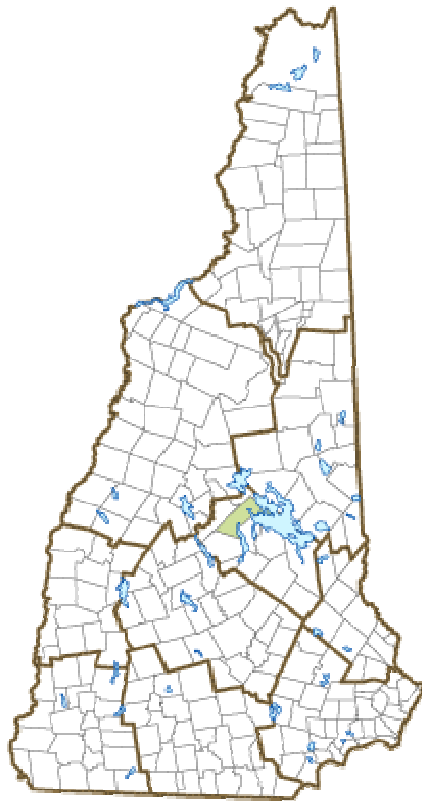


Meredith, NH



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County

Belknap

Labor Market Area

Meredith, NH LMA

Tourism Region

Lakes

Planning Commission

Lakes Region

Regional Development

Belknap County Economic Development Council

Election Districts

US Congress

District 1

Executive Council

District 1

State Senate

District 2

State Representative

Belknap County District 2

Incorporated: 1768

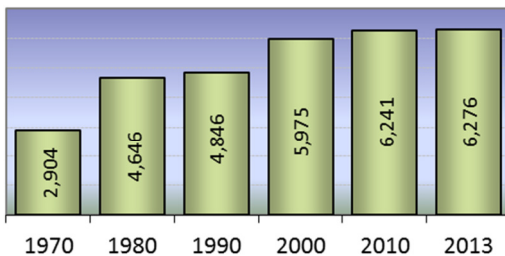
Origin: Meredith was first granted in 1748 to a group of settlers led by Samuel Palmer, a teacher of surveying and navigation, who had laid out much of the land surrounding Lake Winnepesaukee. It was known as Palmerstown, or Second Township, since it was the second town granted by the Masonian Proprietors that lay at the lake. Many settlers were from Salem, Massachusetts, and the town was later called New Salem. In 1768, the town was incorporated by Governor John Wentworth as Meredith, for Sir William Meredith, who allied with William Pitt in opposition to taxation on the colonies.

Villages and Place Names: Bear Island, East Bear Island, Leavitt Park, Lovejoy Sands, Meredith Center

Population, Year of the First Census Taken: 881 residents in 1790



Belknap County



Population Trends:

Population change for Meredith totaled 3,842 over 53 years, from 2,434 in 1960 to 6,276 in 2013. The largest decennial percent change was a 60 percent increase between 1970 and 1980; the smallest, just four percent for both 1980 to 1990 and 2000 to 2010. The 2013 Census estimate for Meredith was 6,276 residents, which ranked 52nd among New Hampshire's incorporated cities and towns.

Population Density and Land Area, 2013 (US Census Bureau): 155.7 persons per square mile of land area, which tied with New Ipswich. Meredith contains 40.3 square miles of land area and 14.2 square miles of inland water area.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES			
Type of Government		Selectmen/Town Manager	
Budget: Municipal Appropriations, 2014		\$13,819,974	
Budget: School Appropriations, 2014-2015		\$15,584,137	
Zoning Ordinance		1971/10	
Master Plan		2002	
Capital Improvement Plan		Yes	
Industrial Plans Reviewed By		Planner/Engineer/CEO	
Boards and Commissions			
Elected:	Selectmen		
Appointed:	Planning; Conservation; Library; Cemetery; Zoning; Parks & Recreation		
Public Library	Meredith Public		
EMERGENCY SERVICES			
Police Department		Full-time	
Fire Department		Full-time Chief	
Emergency Medical Service		Commercial	
Nearest Hospital(s)		Distance	Staffed Beds
Lakes Region General, Laconia		10 miles	88
UTILITIES			
Electric Supplier		Eversource Energy; NH Electric Coop	
Natural Gas Supplier		None	
Water Supplier		Municipal	
Sanitation		Municipal	
Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant		No	
Solid Waste Disposal			
Curbside Trash Pickup		None	
Pay-As-You-Throw Program		No	
Recycling Program		Mandatory	
Telephone Company		Fairpoint	
Cellular Telephone Access		Yes	
Cable Television Access		Yes	
Public Access Television Station		Yes	
High Speed Internet Service:	Business	Limited	
	Residential	Limited	
PROPERTY TAXES		(NH Dept. of Revenue Administration)	
2013 Total Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$14.41	
2013 Equalization Ratio		99.2	
2013 Full Value Tax Rate (per \$1000 of value)		\$14.24	
2013 Percent of Local Assessed Valuation by Property Type			
Residential Land and Buildings		90.6%	
Commercial Land and Buildings		9.0%	
Public Utilities, Current Use, and Other		0.4%	
HOUSING		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Total Housing Units		4,822	
Single-Family Units, Detached or Attached		4,025	
Units in Multiple-Family Structures:			
Two to Four Units in Structure		275	
Five or More Units in Structure		277	
Mobile Homes and Other Housing Units		245	

DEMOGRAPHICS		(US Census Bureau)	
Total Population		Community	County
2013	6,276		60,268
2010	6,241		60,088
2000	5,975		56,576
1990	4,846		49,294
1980	4,646		42,884
1970	2,904		32,367
Demographics, American Community Survey (ACS) 2009-2013			
Population by Gender			
Male	3,065	Female	3,211
Population by Age Group			
Under age 5			192
Age 5 to 19			1,259
Age 20 to 34			654
Age 35 to 54			1,897
Age 55 to 64			767
Age 65 and over			1,507
Median Age			47.0 years
Educational Attainment, population 25 years and over			
High school graduate or higher			91.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher			32.3%
INCOME, INFLATION ADJUSTED \$		(ACS 2009-2013)	
Per capita income			\$36,876
Median family income			\$80,227
Median household income			\$57,296
Median Earnings, full-time, year-round workers			
Male			\$54,925
Female			\$40,808
Individuals below the poverty level			11.8%
LABOR FORCE		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average	2003		2013
Civilian labor force	3,303		3,239
Employed	3,185		3,083
Unemployed	118		156
Unemployment rate	3.6%		4.8%
EMPLOYMENT & WAGES		(NHES – ELMI)	
Annual Average Covered Employment	2003		2013
Goods Producing Industries			
Average Employment	726		604
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 782		\$1,126
Service Providing Industries			
Average Employment	1,935		2,073
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 494		\$ 598
Total Private Industry			
Average Employment	2,661		2,677
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 572		\$ 717
Government (Federal, State, and Local)			
Average Employment	374		361
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 612		\$ 859
Total, Private Industry plus Government			
Average Employment	3,035		3,038
Average Weekly Wage	\$ 577		\$ 734

EDUCATION AND CHILD CARE

Schools students attend: **Grades K-12 are part of Inter-Lakes Cooperative (Center Harbor, Meredith, Sandwich)** District: **SAU 2**
 Career Technology Center(s): **J. Oliva Huot Technical Center, Laconia; Winnisquam Agricultural Programs, Tilton** Region: **8**

Educational Facilities (includes Charter Schools)	Elementary	Middle/Junior High	High School	Private/Parochial
Number of Schools	1	1	1	1
Grade Levels	P K 1-4	5-8	9-12	P K 1-8
Total Enrollment	359	329	341	52

Nearest Community College: **Lakes Region**

Nearest Colleges or Universities: **Plymouth State University**

2014 NH Licensed Child Care Facilities (DHHS-Bureau of Child Care Licensing)

Total Facilities: **3** Total Capacity: **173**

LARGEST BUSINESSES	PRODUCT/SERVICE	EMPLOYEES	ESTABLISHED
Vutek	Color ink machinery	380	1988
Interlakes School System	Education	228	
Meredith Village Savings Bank	Banking services	210	1869
Golden View	Nursing home	130	
Hampshire Hospitality Holdings	Inn, spa, marketplace	115	1983
Town of Meredith	Municipal Services	78	
Remcom/North Corporation	Machine electrical connectors	65	1983
Meredith Harley Davidson	Motorcycle retail, repair, service	64	1983
Annalee Mobilite Dolls, Inc.	Soft sculpture dolls	50	1962
Ippolito's Furniture	Furniture sales	36	1978

TRANSPORTATION (*distances estimated from city/town hall*)

Road Access	US Routes	3
	State Routes	104, 132, 25
Nearest Interstate, Exit		I-93, Exit 23
Distance		9 miles

Railroad	State owned line
Public Transportation	No

Nearest Public Use Airport, General Aviation

Laconia Municipal	Runway	5,286 ft. asphalt
Lighted? Yes	Navigation Aids?	Yes

Nearest Airport with Scheduled Service

Manchester-Boston Regional	Distance	56 miles
Number of Passenger Airlines Serving Airport		4

Driving distance to select cities:

Manchester, NH	58 miles
Portland, Maine	79 miles
Boston, Mass.	108 miles
New York City, NY	313 miles
Montreal, Quebec	231 miles

COMMUTING TO WORK (*ACS 2009-2013*)

Workers 16 years and over	
Drove alone, car/truck/van	78.3%
Carpooled, car/truck/van	8.6%
Public transportation	0.3%
Walked	1.9%
Other means	1.3%
Worked at home	9.5%
Mean Travel Time to Work	25.2 minutes

Percent of Working Residents: ACS 2009-2013

Working in community of residence	50.2
Commuting to another NH community	44.7
Commuting out-of-state	5.1

RECREATION, ATTRACTIONS, AND EVENTS

X	Municipal Parks
	YMCA/YWCA
	Boys Club/Girls Club
X	Golf Courses
	Swimming: Indoor Facility
	Swimming: Outdoor Facility
	Tennis Courts: Indoor Facility
X	Tennis Courts: Outdoor Facility
	Ice Skating Rink: Indoor Facility
	Bowling Facilities
X	Museums
X	Cinemas
X	Performing Arts Facilities
X	Tourist Attractions
X	Youth Organizations (i.e., Scouts, 4-H)
X	Youth Sports: Baseball
X	Youth Sports: Soccer
	Youth Sports: Football
X	Youth Sports: Basketball
X	Youth Sports: Hockey
X	Campgrounds
X	Fishing/Hunting
X	Boating/Marinas
X	Snowmobile Trails
X	Bicycle Trails
X	Cross Country Skiing
X	Beach or Waterfront Recreation Area
	Overnight or Day Camps

Nearest Ski Area(s): **Gunstock**

Other: **Annalee Doll Museum; Scenic Railroad**